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Colorado Division of Housing Overview

In 1970, the Colorado Division of Housing (DOH) was formed as a division within the State with the purpose of partnering with local communities to create housing opportunities for Coloradans who face the greatest challenges to accessing affordable, safe, and secure homes. DOH supports projects ranging from homelessness prevention to homeownership. DOH's work includes:

- Increasing and preserving Colorado's inventory of affordable housing
- Managing rental assistance vouchers
- Creating and supporting collaborative approaches to end homelessness
- Regulating Mobile Home Parks, and the construction and installation of factory-built structures

The Division of Housing offers various opportunities for financial assistance that includes emergency mortgage assistance, vouchers for rental assistance, and financial assistance for the development or rehabilitation of rental and for-sale homes. The Office of Housing Finance and Sustainability (OHFS) offers gap funding to nonprofits, local governments, and private developers to assist with development or preservation of affordable housing. DOH accepts applications on the first of the month on a rolling basis.



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In addition, OHFS currently has new one-time grant and loan programs available to help organizations with resident-owned mobile home park acquisition and rehabilitation, and increased gap funding opportunities for unit development or preservation through the Transformational Housing Loan Fund (THLF). The THLF can support projects by providing gap funds of up to \$5,000,000 per project, or \$100,000 per unit, whichever is less. Applications for THLF are due to DOH by March 1st.

All projects that receive DOH funds are subject to income-limit requirements for homebuyers or tenants, and must remain affordable for a minimum of 30 years. Additional information on gap funding can be found [here](#). More information on Notices of Funding Availability can be found [here](#).

For more information on grant or loan applications, please contact Olivia Cook, Housing Development Specialist. Olivia can be reached at Olivia.Cook@state.co.us or (970) 640-7576.

-Jena Skinner, AICP



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GET INVOLVED

APA Colorado also has a number of committees that allow members to get involved in more specific aspects of planning in Colorado. Available committees are listed below and a full description of each committee can be found on our website: apacolorado.org/committee-home

Committees:

- American Planning Association for Students (APAS)
- Awards Committee
- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee (EDI)
- Emerging Planning Professionals (EPP)
- Great Places Committee
- Healthy Communities Committee
- Legislative Committee
- Membership Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Outreach & Communications Committee
- Professional Development Committee
- Sustainability Committee
- Youth in Planning

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2023 CPC - Call for Sessions

Theme: Planning for Uncertainty

 www.APAColorado.org/call-sessions-23

Opens: February 15
Closes: NOW March 29!

10, 30, and 60
minute sessions available.

Interactive presentations
wanted! Bring in a field
expert & get creative.

Deadline Extended to March 29, 2023!

APA Colorado and the Professional Development Committee (PDC) are actively seeking presentations for the 2023 Colorado Planning Conference to be held September 27 to 29, 2023 in Colorado Springs. The PDC is looking for interactive sessions offered by AICP planners who are experts in the fields of Law, Ethics, Equity, and Sustainability and Resilience to meet the mandatory CM topic requirements.

Other topics and sessions are needed with the goal to provide a wide variety of topics, speakers, and presentation styles during the annual conference. All submissions will be considered!

Get creative, reach out to your planner and allied professional colleagues, and submit your proposal today!

Ready to submit? www.apacolorado.org/call-sessions-23

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Abbey Aguirre at Admin@APAColorado.org.





Planning for Uncertainty

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NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED. DEADLINE APRIL 16, 2023.

**Interested in submitting an article
for future publications of
Planning Matters?**

**The Outreach and Communications Committee is
always looking for individuals interested in
submitting articles!**

Please reach out to OCC@APAColorado.org.

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